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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: SPRING COUNTERBALANCE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VARIABLY  
BIASING A DOCK LEVELER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 23 pages comprised of 1 cover sheet, 16 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims, and 1 page of abstract
- ☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☐ Priority Claimed from US Provisional Application No. , filed
- ☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 4 sheets of drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to United Dominion Industries, Inc., and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Other: The undersigned hereby declares that this applications meets the qualifications for **Small Entity Status** under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) - Small Business Concerns - Independent Inventor.
- ☐ Other:

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